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Subject: USS Reference Number: 04-0189
ACHD Reference Number: 6588
600 Carbonate Unit
USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 233-1015.

Sincerely,

Anton Lukac
Plant Manager
Clairton Works

NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT
ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

1. USS Reference Number: 04-0189
ACHD Reference Number: 6588
2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 09/14/04 Time: 1130 hours
3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation - USS Clairton Works
4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: 600 Carbonate Unit
5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
6. Location: Clairton, PA
7. Nature and cause of breakdown: Operational problems occurred at the 600 Vacuum Carbonate Unit and coke oven gas was passed through the Sulfur Plant. The root cause was traced to a level indicator for the carbonate absorber's sodium carbonate solution.
8. Identification of Emissions:
 - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO₂, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.)
Elevated H₂S in the down river gas line system, causing increased SO₂ at point of combustion.
 - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO₂ is an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
 - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).
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9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).
The system was stabilized and the repairs were completed.
10. Facility back in operation - Date: 09/14/04 Time: 1150 hours

Signature Coleen M. Davis Date 9-17-04
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